

HCS HB 604 -- PARENTAL RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
(Long)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Standing Committee on Disability Services by a vote of 8 to 0.

This substitute specifies that the disability or disease of an individual cannot be the basis for a determination to refuse to issue, suspend, or revoke a foster care license; to remove a child from a parent's custody, terminate parental rights, or determine that a child is a child in need of care; or to rule that an individual is unfit or not suitable to be an adoptive parent without a specific showing that there is a causal relationship between the disability or disease and a substantial and significant risk of harm to a child. In a case involving a parent or foster parent with a disability or disease, the determination must consider the availability and use of accommodations for the disability or disease including assistive technology and support services.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.